Construction for commercial and residential building on Railway Stations

1292. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government are considering a proposal to construct commercial and residential buildings on important Railway Stations like Churchgate in Bombay and over the open railway tract on the pattern of Park Avenue in U.S.A. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): No, Sir.

Proposal to connect New Bombay with Bombay Churchgate

1293. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps Government propose to connect New Bombay with Bombay Churchgate and VT Main line and Suburban Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Bombay VT will get connected to New Bombay on completion of Mankhurd-Belapur rail line.

There is no proposal to connect New Bombay with Churchgate.

Loss due to Floods and Cyclone in Tamil Nadu

1294. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of losses suffered by railways due to floods and recent cyclone in Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and what remedial steps Government are contemplating in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The loss suffered by the Railways due to damages to Railways assets and cancellation of passenger and goods trains has been estimated as Rs. 1.09 crores and Rs. 1.06 crores respectively. Steps were taken for early restoration of rail traffic in the affected Sections. Investigations have been undertaken to evolve suitable protective measures.

New Railway Lines in Tamil Nadu

1295. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets fixed for construction of new railway lines in Tamil Nadu during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 and

(b) what progress Government have so far made in achieving the targets so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) In the State of Tamil Nadu parallel BG line from Dindigul to Madurai (64.32 km) of Karur Dindigul-Madurai-Maniyachchi-Tuticorin Talaiyuthu new line project is targetted for completion during 1992-93. 63.5% progress has been achieved on Dindigul-Madurai section upto 31st October, 1991.

The section from Madras Beach to Park Town (Single line) (2.5 km) out of 8.5 km long Rapid Transit System from Madras Beach to Luz was opened to traffic on 16-9-1991. The section from Park Town to Chepauk (3 km) is targetted for completion in 1992-93. Overall physical progress of the project up to 31-10-1991 is 40%.

"भारतीय रेल" नामक विवरणिका का प्रकाशन

1296. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे "भारतीय रेल" नामक एक विवरणिका प्रकाशित करती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी कितनी प्रतियां मुद्रित करायी गयी हैं और पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान कितनी प्रतियों की बिक्री हुई है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) पिछले दो वर्षों, 1989-90 और 1990-91 के दौरान 63,200 प्रतियां मुद्रित की गई थीं और 61,730 प्रतियां बेची गई थीं ।